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1. In September 1951, there were two transmitting stations at Piestany airfield, one station was for military use and the other one for civilian use. The operating personnel in the military transmitting station wore blue uniforms. A building on the eastern edge of the field apparently housed an underground gasoline dump because it was repeatedly observed that tank trucks were being refueled there. Aircraft parked at the field included about 15 low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, apparently Messerschmidts, single-engine biplanes with radial engines and rigid landing gear, and Storchs, high-wing monoplanes with rigid landing gears. All the planes bore the Czech military emblem. Dakota transports, low-wing monoplanes with two engines [redacted] were occasionally parked at the field. No Soviet aircraft or Soviet personnel were observed at the field or in the town. Up to three or four aircraft were aloft at the same time. No buildings were being constructed at the field, and no AA protection was observed. *
2. An air force barracks installation was west of the railroad line leading from Piestany to Hroni Streda (P 49/T 45), north of the road from Piestany to Velke Orviste (P 49/T 35). The barracks area, about 450 x 750 meters, was surrounded by a wooden fence. The installation consisted of about 25 low brick buildings. The soldiers housed in this barracks installation wore blue uniforms up to September 1951. It was occasionally observed that groups of up to 20 men marched to the field. The soldiers were armed with rifles, submachine guns and, sometimes, with light machine guns. During the entire year of 1951, construction work was in progress on new buildings, probably EE billets, in the barracks area. **

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Comment. Information on Piestany airfield and photographs of the buildings were received previously. [redacted] The present report does not contain new information on the installations at the field. It is still believed that Piestany airfield is occupied by a Czech Air Force regiment and probably

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
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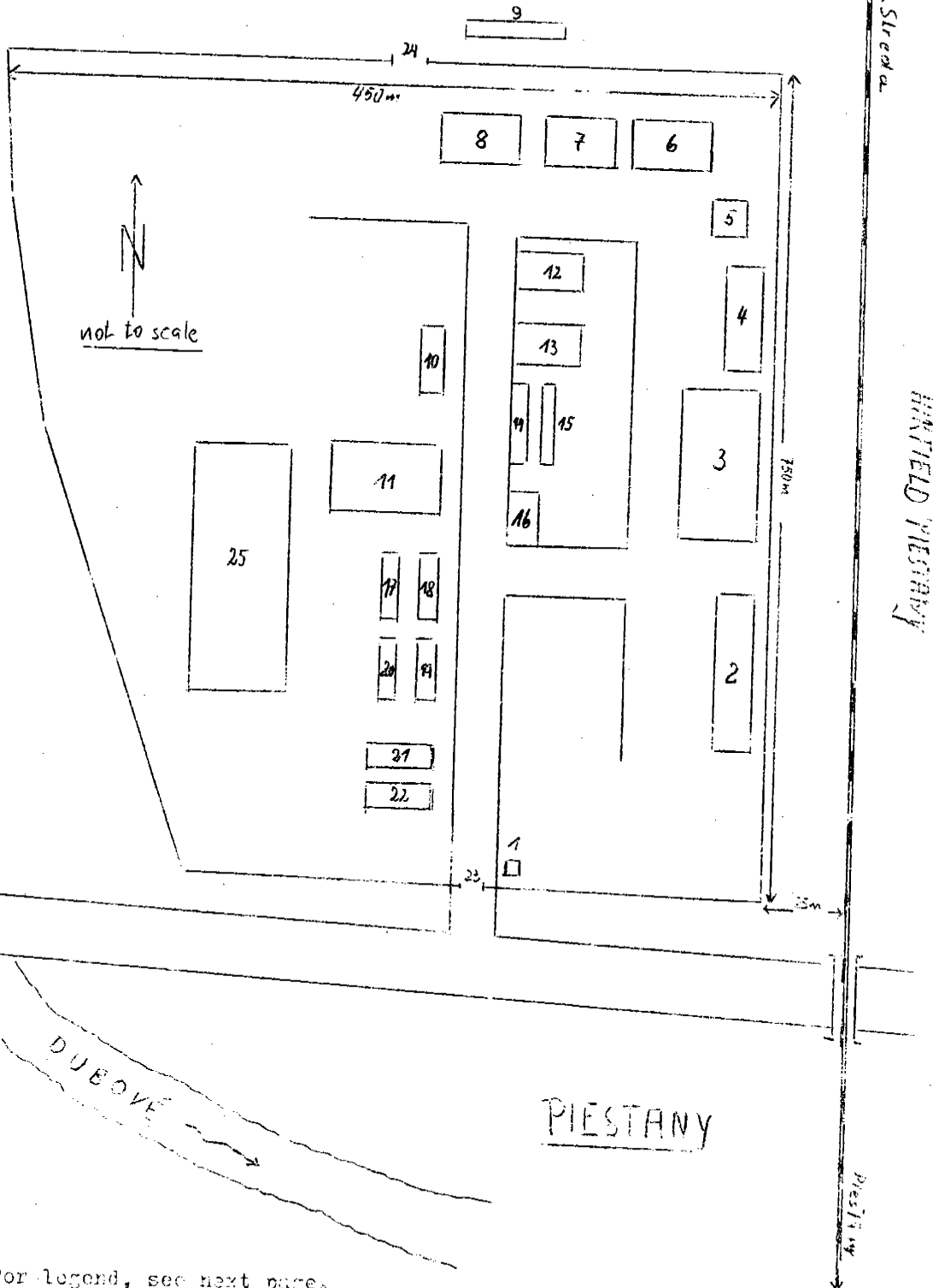


25X1 a training unit. Civilian Czech aircraft also land at the field.

 Comment. The location of an air force barracks installation west of Miestany airfield is reported for the first time. For sketch of installation, see Annex.

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Air Force Barracks Installation in Piestany



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Air Force Barracks Installation in Piestany

Legend:

- 1 Guardhouse
 - 2 Warehouse
 - 3 Concrete apron
 - 4 Garage 10 x 50 meters
 - 5 Underground gasoline dump
 - 6 to 8 Garages, 10 x 30 meters each
 - 9 Pig sty
 - 10 EM billets
 - 11 Motion picture theater
 - 12 EM billets
 - 13 Messhall
 - 14 and 15 EM billets
 - 16 Messhall for officers
 - 17 to 21 EM billets
 - 22 Offices and guardroom
 - 23 and 24 Entrances to barracks installation
 - 25 Groups of buildings, EM quarters
- Most of the above mentioned buildings were newly built.

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